message in a bottle top

Artists Top Tips

1. Use photographs of the creature you want to focus on for inspiration and to explore shape, colour, pattern and texture.

2. Remember that you don't need to use everything you have collected.

3. Look carefully at the items you are using. Turn them over and look at them from different angles to make sure you have thought about all the options.

4. Group similar colours together before you start to see what you have. Look for any possible patterns or colour shades you might like to use.

5. Try drawing and/or laying out your ideas first.

6. Will your piece of art stand up, be flat, or hang?

7. **Michelle's top tip**

   Think carefully about how you will join sections together and don't do this until you've worked out a way to attach things like legs, antennae, tail or fins!

8. If you are making a sculpture think about how it will look from different sides.

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